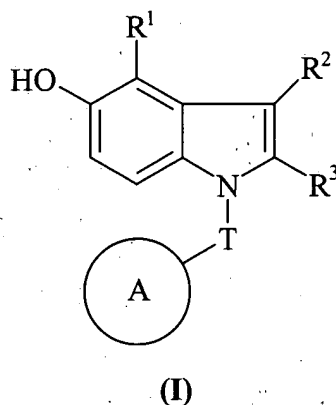


**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

Claim 1 (original): A compound of the formula (I):



wherein:

R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, halo or methoxy;

R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, halo, methyl, ethyl or methoxy;

R<sup>3</sup> is carboxy, tetrazolyl or -CONHSO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>4</sup> where R<sup>4</sup> is methyl, ethyl, phenyl, 2,5-dimethylisoxazolyl or trifluoromethyl;

T is -CH<sub>2</sub>- or -SO<sub>2</sub>-; and

ring A is 3-chlorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 3-trifluoromethylphenyl, 3,4-dichlorophenyl, 3,4-difluorophenyl, 3-fluoro-4-chlorophenyl, 3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl or 2,3-dichloropyrid-5-yl;  
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof.

Claim 2 (original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein ring A is 3-chlorophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 3-trifluoromethylphenyl, 3,4-dichlorophenyl, 3,4-difluorophenyl, 3-fluoro-4-chlorophenyl or 3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl.

Claim 3 (original): A compound according to claim 2 wherein ring A is 3,4-dichlorophenyl, 3-fluoro-4-chlorophenyl or 3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl.

Claim 4 (original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein ring A is 3,4-dichlorophenyl, 2,3-dichloropyrid-5-yl or 3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl.

Claim 5 (previously amended): A compound according to claim 1 wherein T is  $-\text{CH}_2-$ .

Claim 6 (previously amended): A compound according to claim 1 where  $\text{R}^3$  is carboxy.

Claim 7 (original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein in the compound of formula (I),

$\text{R}^1$  is hydrogen;

$\text{R}^2$  is hydrogen;

$\text{R}^3$  is carboxy;

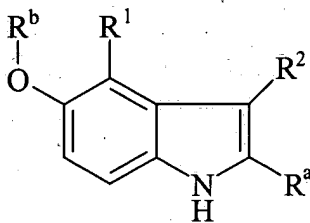
T is  $-\text{CH}_2-$ ; and

ring A is 3,4-dichlorophenyl or 3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof.

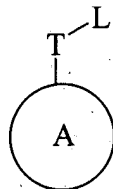
Claim 8 (currently amended): A process for preparing a compound according to claim 1 which process comprises:

a) reacting a compound ~~compounds~~ of formula (II):



(II)

where  $\text{R}^a$  is a group  $\text{R}^3$  as defined in claim 1 or protected form of a group  $\text{R}^3$ ,  $\text{R}^b$  is hydrogen or a hydroxy protecting group, and  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  are as defined in claim 1, with a compound of formula (III):



(III)

where T and ring A are as defined in claim 1, and L is a displaceable group;  
and thereafter optionally:

- i) removing any protecting groups; and/or
- ii) forming a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof.

Claim 9 (original): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 7 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 10 (cancelled).

Claims 11-17 (cancelled).